

Reading Comprehension: Winter

Skating at a Local Ice Rink

Instructions: Read the information below and then try to answer the questions at the bottom.

At Dufferin Grove Park, there is an ice rink that is used for skating lessons, shinny and pleasure skating. The NHL donated 50 pairs of skates earlier this year, and they're spray-painted yellow. You can rent a pair of men's hockey skates for \$1.00 per day. You can also rent women's ice skates for \$1.00 a day. You could ask your ESL teacher to arrange a class skating trip from now until Mid-March, 2006, when outdoor rinks close down for the skating season. There are skating lessons available all around Toronto. Other cities in Ontario usually have skating rinks and lessons too. Dufferin Rink offers children's skating lessons, and the teacher's name is Mayssan. She learned how to skate on an artificial ice rink in Oman when she was a child. Mayssan became a very good skater, and now she teaches at the Dufferin Rink.

When you go skating for the first time, make sure you wear warm socks, a warm hat, and lots of layers. Most rinks have hot drinks and snacks, but you can also bring your own snacks. Weekends are usually the busiest time of the week to go skating. Weekday nights are usually less crowded. If there has been any extreme weather, like rain, or hail, the ice rink may be temporarily closed until the Ice-resurfacers (Zamboni) can resurface the ice. Evening skating can be a lot of fun for the whole family. Most rinks have floodlights. At night rink is lit up and bright. All Toronto outdoor rinks are free.

Questions:

1. Who donated 50 pairs of hockey skates to the Dufferin Grove Park?
2. How much does it cost to rent these skates?
3. What colour are they painted?
4. When does the skating season usually end?
5. What country did the skating teacher, Mayssan, learn how to skate?
6. When is a good time to go skating for pleasure?
7. How should you dress for outdoor skating?
8. When might the ice rink be temporarily closed during the winter?